Gulbarga district in 2002 have shown 7 and 18 persons affected by skeltal fluorosis respectively. This disability cannot be solely attributed to fluoride content in drinking water alone. As and when situation arises a health survey is conducted.

Sanction of Rs. 20 crores to Uttaranchal under Sector Reform Project for Rural Roads

†901. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that during his stay at Nainital, Hon'ble Prime Minister had made an announcement to sanction Rs. 20 crores under 'Sector Reform Project of Rural Roads' for rural development;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a proposal of Rs. 20 crores for sector reforms project for rural roads has been forwarded to the Ministry by Uttaranchal Government;

(c) if so, whether the above mentioned amount of Rs. 20 crores have been provided to Uttaranchal Government as announced by Hon'ble Prime Minister; and

(d) if not, the reasons for delay and by when the hindrances would be removed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) An announcement for providing Rs. 20 crore for rural roads under the PMGSY had been made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister at Nainital in March, 2002.

(c) and (d) Project proposals for Rs. 10.01 crore pertaining to Chamoli, Rudraprayag and Nainital districts had been cleared in April, 2002 in the light of the announcement made by the Hon'ble Prime Minister. In November, 2002, additional projects proposals for Rs. 14.69 crore pertaining to Almora, Uttarkashi and Chamoli districts have been cleared, in principle, subject to their being within the purview of the PMGSY guidelines.

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